

REMARKS

By this Amendment, Applicants amend claims 1, 6, and 7, and cancel claims 8-10 without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter contained therein. Thus, claims 1-7 are pending in this application. In accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, Applicants respectfully request prompt allowance of the application.

In response to the Restriction Requirement, Applicants affirm the election of claims 1-7. Furthermore, by this Amendment, Applicants cancel non-elected claims 8-10.

Applicants gratefully acknowledge the Quayle Action's indication that claim 1-7 are allowed except for a number of formal matters. By this Amendment, and in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, Applicants amend claims 1-7 to correct the formal matters, and cancel claims 8-10. Accordingly, the application is in condition for allowance.

In view of at least the foregoing, Applicants respectfully submit that this application is in condition for allowance. Applicants earnestly solicit favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance of claims 1-7.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, Applicants invite the Examiner to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

Respectfully submitted,



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